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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PGOV WB GW UR UK FR US

SUBJECT: FRG-GDR DISCUSSIONS OF ALLOCATIONS OF TV  
CHANNELS IN BERLIN

REF: BONN 17714

BEGIN SUMMARY. THE CONFUSION DESCRIBED IN REFTEL OVER  
FRG-GDR CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF  
TELEVISION FREQUENCIES HAS BEEN CLARIFIED TO SOME  
EXTENT BY THE EXPLANATION THAT THERE WERE IN FACT TWO  
ROUGHLY PARALLEL EXCHANGES OF COMMUNICATION INVOLVED --  
ONE INITIATED BY THE FRENCH, THE OTHER BY THE GDR. WE  
ASSUME THE MATTER WILL DROP FROM THE BONN GROUP AGENDA.  
END SUMMARY.

1. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO READ ALL THE WAY TO THE  
END OF REFTEL, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFOR-  
MATION, WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY WAY OF CLARIFICATION BY  
THE FRG REP (HENZE) IN THE OCTOBER 21 BONN GROUP

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MEETING.

2. STATING THAT THE DISCUSSIONS OF USE OF TV CHANNEL 31 IN BERLIN HAD A LONG HISTORY, HENZE SAID THAT IT BEGAN EARLY IN 1976. THE FRENCH MISSION IN BERLIN AT THAT TIME ASKED TO ESTABLISH A BROADCASTING STATION IN WEITMANSLUST FOR USE BY FRENCH FORCES. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE SO-CALLED "COORDINATION LETTER," TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GDR, SHOULD BE SENT BY THE FRG POSTAL MINISTRY.

3. FOR THIS REASON, THE FEDERAL POSTAL MINISTRY WROTE THE GDR POSTAL MINISTRY IN APRIL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV OF THE 1961 STOCKHOLM AGREEMENT. IN THE LETTER, IT WAS STATED THAT THE APPLICANT (BEDARFSTRAEGER) WAS THE "FRENCH ADMINISTRATION."

4. THE GDR HAS NEVER REPLIED TO THIS APRIL LETTER ALTHOUGH THE STOCKHOLM AGREEMENT REQUIRES IT TO DO SO WITHIN TEN WEEKS. THE STOCKHOLM AGREEMENT FURTHER PROVIDES, IF NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED, THE REQUESTING POSTAL ADMINISTRATION MUST SEND A REMINDER, ASKING FOR AN ANSWER WITHIN TWO WEEKS. THE FRG HAS SENT TWO SUCH REMINDERS. THE SECOND : ONE STATED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STOCKHOLM AGREEMENT, IT WAS ASSUMED THAT THE GDR WOULD RAISE NO OBJECTIONS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATION.

5. IT WAS PRESUMABLY IN RESPONSE TO THIS SECOND FOLLOW-UP MESSAGE FROM THE FRG THAT THE GDR POSTAL MINISTRY ADDRESSED A LETTER DIRECTLY TO THE FRENCH AND ATTEMPTED TO DELIVER IT TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN (PARA 3, REFTEL). IT WAS ALSO THE FRG LETTER AND FOLLOW-UP WHICH OCCASIONED THE

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COMPLAINT FROM AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV TO AMBASSADOR  
WORMSER.

6. HENZE CONTINUED WITH A DESCRIPTION OF A SEPARATE  
BUT PARALLEL EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS. WHEN THE GDR  
BEGAN PLANNING FOR ITS EBERSWALDE TV STATION, IT  
SENT A LETTER TO THE LANDESPOSTDIREKTION BERLIN (LPD),  
ASKING WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY OBJECTION TO  
THE USE OF CHANNELS 9 AND 31. (THIS APPARENTLY IS THE  
JULY LETTER FROM THE GDR DESCRIBED IN PARA 5, REFTEL.)  
THE LPD DISCUSSED THIS GDR LETTER WITH THE  
BERLIN MISSIONS AND FORWARDED IT TO THE FRG POSTAL  
MINISTRY. THE ALLIED RESPONSE WAS SENT VIA THE SENAT  
TO THE LPD AND ON TO THE FRG.

7. ON OCTOBER 12, THE FRG POSTAL MINISTRY SENT A LETTER  
TO THE GDR STATING THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION  
TO THE USE OF CHANNELS 9 AND 31 IF CERTAIN TECHNICAL  
CONSIDERATIONS WERE MET. AS EXPLAINED BY HENZE, IT  
WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR CHANNEL 31 TO BE USED BOTH BY THE  
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GDR AND BY THE FRENCH IN WEST BERLIN IF DIRECTIONAL  
ANTENNAS WERE PROPERLY UTILIZED. HENZE ADDED THAT THE  
OCTOBER 12 FRG LETTER DID NOT REFER TO THE AK POSITION  
ON THE MATTER.

8. THERE APPRENTLY HAS AS YET BEEN NO GDR RESPONSE  
TO THIS LATEST LETTER FROM THE FRG.

9. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT NO ALLIED  
ACTION IS REQUIRED, UNLESS USBER SPOTS A PROBLEM  
IN ALL OF THIS OF WHICH WE ARE UNAWARE. OUR IMPRESSION  
IS THAT THE FRENCH BONN GROUP REP ACTED  
PREMATURELY, BECAUSE OF THE ABRASIMOV COMPLAINT,

IN RAISING THE MATTER IN THE BONN GROUP WITHOUT HAVING  
CHECKED ALL THE FACTS WITH THE FRENCH MISSION IN  
BERLIN.  
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